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SUBJECT: WHA: ANTI-ISRAELI RESOLUTION

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1. DEPT AGREES WITH PROPOSED NEGATIVE RPT NEGATIVE VOTE OF USDEL ON ANTI-ISRAELI RESOLUTION DEALING WITH MIDEAST HEALTH ITEM, ASSUMING THAT FINAL RESOLUTION IS VIRTUALLY SAME AS THAT REPORTED REFTEL A. US VOTED AGAINST SIMILAR RESOLUTION LAST YEAR.

2. DEPARTMENT ALSO AGREED USDEL SHOULD MAKE STATEMENT AT APPROPRIATE TIME OF OUR SPECIFIC DISAPPROVAL OF CERTAIN SEGMENTS OF RESOLUTION. USDEL SHOULD LIMIT REMARKS, AS CONFIDENTIAL

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LAST YEAR, TO ESSENTIALLY TECHNICAL OBJECTIONS BECAUSE OF LACK OF EVIDENCE AND BECAUSE SEVERAL MATTERS PROPERLY FALL WITHIN PURVIEW UN POLITICAL BODIES. USDEL SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT WE ABSTAINED IN GA ON RESOLUTION

CONDEMNING ALLEGED ISRAELI DESTRUCTION OF KUNEITRA, AND NOT MENTION KUNEITRA IN STATEMENT.

3. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT ISRAELIS WILL AVOID INTRODUCING AMENDMENTS THAT WILL LEAD TO STRONGER ARAB COUNTER MOVES WHICH MIGHT INVOKE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 7 SUSPENDING ISRAELI VOTING RIGHTS AND SERVICES. US DEL SHOULD

CONTINUE TO WORK TO PREVENT SUCH AN EVENTUALITY.

- 4. CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC INTEREST IN WHA'S TREATMENT OF ISRAEL CONTINUES TO BE STRONG, WITNESSED BY ACTION BY SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON DEPT'S AUTHORIZATION BILL AND TELEGRAM TO MAHLER BY SIX SENATORS AND 45 REPRESENTATIVES. TEXT OF THIS TELEGRAM IN WASHINGTON POST MAY 22. QTE: IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT EXPERIENCE WITH UNESCO, WE WOULD NOT WANT TO SEE ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD INEVITABLY LEAD TO A DIMINUTION OF US SUPPORT FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION IN CONGRESS. UNQTE.
- 5. EGYPTIAN MINISTER WAHAB CALLED ON IO DEPUTY ASST. SECY BLAKE MAY 22 TO ASK US SUPPORT FOR DRAFT RESOLUTION. BLAKE SAID WE WOULD CONSIDER GOE VIEWS AND NOTIFIED EGYPTIAN EMBASSY OF OUR DECISION OF HOW WE INTEND TO VOTE, EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR EGYPTIAN MODERATION. US DEL, IF OPPORTUNITY ARISES, MAY WISH TO MAKE SAME POINTS WITH GOEDEL.
- 6. BENTSUR OF ISRAELI EMBASSY CALLED ON MAY 22 ALSO ABOUT WHO, SEEKING US SUPPORT IN OPPOSITION TO DRAFT RESOLUTION ON ISRAELI HEALTH PRACTICES IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. HE STRESSED POLITICAL MOTIVATION BEHIND THIS RESOLUTION WHICH ISRAELIS FEEL HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ACTUAL HEALTH CONDITIONS. HE NOTED THAT AS OF MAY 20 ISRAEL FELT POSSIBILITY OF INVOCATION OF CONFIDENTIAL

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ARTICLE 7 STILL A STRONG POSSIBILITY, AND THAT MATTER WOULD ARISE EARLY WEEK OF MAY 25. INGERSOLL

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